

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pinion slip-off preventive structure of a starting apparatus is provided in which a bearing applied to a snap ring 17 can be decreased to make the snap ring 17 less prone to being worn out and damaged, thus preventing the snap ring 17 from slipping off from a pinion shaft 7. The pinion slip-off preventive structure includes a projected portion 52 extending from an end face of the pinion shaft 7 in an axial direction thereof and having a groove 51 formed on a smooth surface thereof in a circumferential direction thereof, the snap ring 17 fitted in the groove 51, and a stopper 57 having an abutting surface 54 in abutting engagement with an end face of the pinion 9 and an engaging portion 56 engaged with the snap ring 17.